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In the Application of :
Rodrick A. HERDMAN : Confirmation No.: Unknown
Serial No.: 10/708,658 : Art Unit: Unknown
Filing Date: March 17, 2004 :
For: **Rapid-Change Lock**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants request the Examiner to make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Copies of the listed non-US documents are also enclosed. In accordance with MPEP 609, the Examiner is requested to initial each document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form in the space provided, make a copy of the initialed form, and return the copy to Applicants' attorney.

Applicant has provided two (2) foreign language patent references, with English abstracts accompanying the original text. Applicant has also provided an English language Canadian patent, as well as copies of six (6) English language pages cited from a catalog published by Schliessanlagen GmbH Pfaffenhain in 2002.

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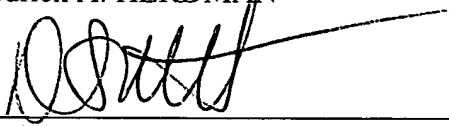
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

This paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b), i.e., within three (3) months of the application filing date or prior to a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

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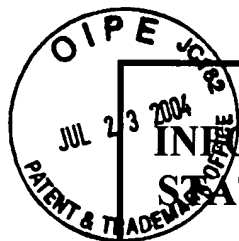
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